India has already taken appropriate initiatives and enacted/amended the following IP-related legislations to, *inter-alia*, meet its international obligations:

- The Geographical Indications (Registration and protection) Act, 1999.
- The Trade Marks Act, 1999.
- The Designs Act, 2000.
- The Copyright act, 1957 as amended upto December, 1999.
- The Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout-designs Act, 2000.
- The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Right Act, 2001.

Further, in order to amend the Patents Act, 1970, a Bill, namely, the Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 is under consideration.

Revision in provisions of Patents Bill

4277. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some major Indian Drug Companies have sought revision of the provisions of the Patents (Second Amendment) Bill to protect their interests in respect of compulsory licensing in the light of Doha Declaration on TRIPs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether the suggestions would be incorporated in the Bill which is likely to be presented to Parliament during the current session and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) Some of the major Indian drug companies, through their associations, have made representations on various

issues relating to proposed amendments in the Indian Patent Law including those relating to compulsory licensing in the light of the Doha Declaration on TRIPs and Public Health. The Patents Act, 1970 read with the Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999, as reported by the Joint Committee of Parliament, contains adequate provisions including those relating to compulsory licensing to safeguard national interest and public health.

Recovery in core sector

4278. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the core sector have shown signs of recovery;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of recovery industry-wise in the year 2001-2002 in comparison to the previous year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that crude petroleum sector has shown decline, if so, to what extent;

(d) what are the reasons for decline in the above sector; and

(e) by when, it will be possible to attain steady growth all over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The six infrastructure industries namely, Crude Petroleum, Petroleum Refinery Products, Cement, Finished steel, Coal and Electricity have registered higher growth rate since December 2001 *vis-a-vis* corresponding months of the last year. The comparative growth rates achieved by these six industries since December, 2001 are given below:

Month	Growth Rate (%)	
	2000-01	2001-02
December	2.7	4.1
January	1.6	5.8
February	-1.0	4.7
March	0.4	4.6